

REMARKS

This paper is responsive to a non-final Office action dated March 26, 2004. Claims 1-38 were examined.

Provisional Double Patenting Rejection

The Office has rejected claims 1 – 38 under the judicially created doctrine of double patenting over claims 23 – 26 of U.S. Patent No. 6,691,232. A terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.321(c) accompanies this communication. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that the claims 1 – 38 are in condition for allowance.

In summary, claims 1-38 are in the case. All claims are believed to be allowable over the art of record, and a Notice of Allowance to that effect is respectfully solicited. Nonetheless, if any issues remain that could be more efficiently handled by telephone, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at the number listed below.

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